

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/046,581	BELLOTTI ET AL.	
	Examiner Jeffrey C. Pwu	Art Unit 2143	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 2/16/06 Amendment.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16 and 18-51.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
    1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
    Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### *Application Papers*

*Drawing(s) filed on 2/16/06 are accepted by the Examiner.*

#### **Attachment(s)**

- 1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
    Paper No./Mail Date 1/27/06
- 4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
    of Biological Material
- 5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
    Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.



**JEFFREY PWU**  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-16 and 18-51 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reason for allowance:

The present invention is directed to a method and system for managing and tracking information items within a message-based system on a user system. The independent claim 1 identifies an uniquely distinct feature "the thrask comprising a collection that associates a plurality of information items, at least one information item in the plurality of information items having a first set of metadata, the collection capable of associating a document information item and a message information item; ... displaying, in the viewer, the thrask and at least one displayed metadatum selected from the first set of metadata or the second set of metadata.". And independent claim 26 identifies a unique feature of "the thrask comprising a collection that associates a plurality of information items, at least one information item in the plurality of information items having a first set of metadata, the collection capable of associating a document information item and a message information item; ... a display module configured to display the thrask and at least one displayed metadata selected from the first set of metadata or the second set of metadata".

2. The closest prior art, Chandra et al. (U.S. 2002/0138582) relates to data processing in the fields of electronic messaging and collaborative communications. The invention relates more specifically to a collaborative communications system providing transportable applications, multiple-page electronic messages and electronic messages that are linked and aggregated, whether taken alone or in combination fails to anticipate or render the above underline.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reason for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey C. Pwu whose telephone number is 571-272-6798. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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